

IN THE CLAIMS

Please add claims 9 through 20, as follows:

*Sub-B!* → 9. A video system having a mode of operation for generating output signals having video components and a standby mode of operation wherein said output signals are not generated, said system comprising:

4            a microcomputer responding to input signals selectively input from a keyboard and  
5            a remote control receiver by controlling display of video images corresponding to said video  
6            component through generation of a control output for a period of time defined by a first input of  
7            lock key data followed by a secret code and a second input of said lock key data followed by a said  
8            secret code;

9            a video signal processor receiving and processing a first video signal;

10          a character generating circuit responding to character data output from said  
11          microcomputer by generating a second video signal;

12          a mixer generating said video component by mixing said first video signal and said  
13          second video signal; and

14          a video mute circuit responding to said control output by preventing said first video  
15          signal from being output to said mixer.

1            10. The video system of claim 9, further comprised of said microcomputer  
2          terminating transmission of said control output upon expiration of said period of time.

1           11. The video system of claim 9, further comprised of said microcomputer  
2 responding to a determination that lock key data has been input from said keyboard or said remote  
3 control when said system is in said standby mode, by controlling said character generating circuit  
4 to display a corresponding message on a video screen prompting a user of said system to input a  
5 secret code one character at a time.

12. The video system of claim 11, further comprised of said character generating  
circuit changing said displayed prompt message ~~serially~~ to correspond to display corresponding  
characters in a sequence of said secret code input by the user.

13. The video system of claim 9, further comprising:  
said microcomputer making a determination of whether said system is in a locked  
state after completion of input of said secret code;  
said microcomputer generating said control output when said determination indicates  
that said system is not in said locked state; and  
said microcomputer making a comparison of said secret code to an earlier code  
previously stored when said determination indicates that said system is in said locked state and, when  
said comparison establishes a match between said secret code and said earlier code, terminating  
generation of said control output.

1           14. The video system of claim 13, further comprised of said microcomputer  
2         memorizing said secret code when said determination establishes that said system is not in said  
3         locked state.

1           15. A video system having a mode of operation for generating output signals having  
2         audio components and video components and a standby mode of operation wherein said output  
3         signals are not generated, said system comprising:

4           a microcomputer responding to input signals selectively input from a keyboard and *or*  
5         a remote control receiver by controlling broadcast of audio sounds corresponding to said audio  
6         components through generation of a control output for a period of time defined by a first input of  
7         lock key data followed by a secret code and a second input of said lock key data followed by a said  
8         secret code;

9           a video signal processor receiving and processing a first video signal;

10          an audio processor generating said audio components;

11          a character generating circuit responding to character data output from said  
12         microcomputer by generating a second video signal;

13          a mixer generating said video component by mixing said first video signal and said  
14         second video signal; and

15          an audio mute circuit responding to said control output by muting said audio sounds.

16. The video system of claim 15, further comprised of said microcomputer

2 terminating transmission of said control output upon expiration of said period of time.

1           17. The video system of claim 15, further comprised of said microcomputer  
2 responding to a determination that lock key data has been input from said keyboard or said remote  
3 control when said system is in said standby mode, by controlling said character generating circuit  
4 to display a corresponding message on a video screen prompting a user of said system to input a  
5 secret code one character at a time.

1           18. The video system of claim 17, further comprised of said character generating  
2 circuit changing said displayed prompt message seriatim to correspond to display corresponding  
3 characters in a sequence of said secret code input by the user.  
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1           19. The video system of claim 15, further comprising:

2           said microcomputer making a determination of whether said system is in a locked  
3 state after completion of input of said secret code;

4           said microcomputer generating said control output when said determination indicates  
5 that said system is not in said locked state; and

6           said microcomputer making a comparison of said secret code to an earlier code  
7 previously stored when said determination indicates that said system is in said locked state and, when  
8 said comparison establishes a match between said secret code and said earlier code, terminating  
9 generation of said control output.

1           20. A process for operating a video system, comprising:

2                 making a subjective evaluation of content portrayed by a first video signal to be  
3                 transmitted for reception by a video display apparatus exhibiting a system power standby mode of  
4                 operation and a second mode of operation providing varying visual images corresponding to said  
5                 first video signal;

6                 during said system power standby mode of operation, selectively generating a  
7                 blocking code in dependence upon said evaluation; and

                       responding to said blocking code by blocking transmission of said first video signal  
                       to said video display apparatus. *when no longer in power standby* ?

